GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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GLOBAL AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH CENTRE AT CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to set up Global automotive Research Centre (GARC) at Oragadan near Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the above proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c): The Government has approved the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) in July,2005. This project includes setting up of a full fledged testing and homologation centre for the southern hub, which will be established at Oragadam near Chennai as the Global Automotive Research Centre (GARC) at a cost of about Rs.470 crores. The foundation stone for the centre has been laid on 4th November,2006, by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.